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Work of the 18th Year.

OF THE

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Mission

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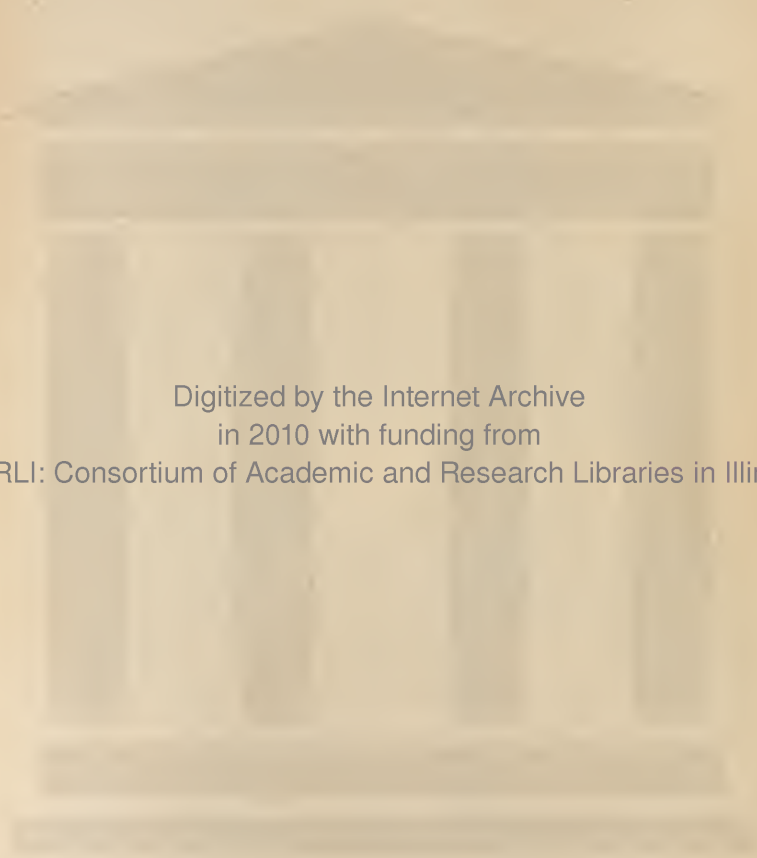
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COL. GEO. R. CLARKE,
Founder of the Pacific Garden Mission, Sept. 15, 1877.



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Gift of Mission

...Report...

Three hundred and sixty-five days has brought another anniversary, marking the most eventful history the Mission has ever recorded. For eighteen years the gospel message has sounded forth to reach some of the perishing multitude drifting aimlessly along the great thoroughfares of our city, and the Pacific Garden Mission has often proven a beacon light arresting their attention, and where the wayfar-
ing mariner has found the haven of rest.

Words fail to convey the wonderful demonstration of God's power as manifested nightly in the salvation of souls.

The skeptic who tried to find consolation in some scientific theory of an unknown God, the drunkard who has resorted to every remedy that human skill or science has invented; the thief who has tried by all the powers of his being to be an honest man; the moralist who has tried to sooth his conscience that his good deeds will avail with God; ALL find, when under the convicting power of God's spirit, that nothing but the "atoning blood" of the Lord Jesus Christ can save from sin.

The Mission still continues its work at 100 E. Van Buren Street. This consecrated spot has become sacred to thousands who have found it the birth-place to a better life, and have gone forth rejoicing, with the consciousness of sins forgiven.

As Chicago is known to be the great cosmopolitan city of the world, we have traveling-men, agents of all descriptions, mechanics, clerks and employees in various branches of business, from those who have once been in affluence down to the most destitute and depraved.

This class nightly find their way to the Mission from the extensive reputation it has won through the vast number who have been saved, and like the "Eunuch" have gone forth to publish the glad tidings.

The question so often raised: "how to reach the masses," has been fully answered by results of mission work. Testimonials heard nightly are conclusive evidence that a large class would never hear the Gospel except through the instrumentality of missions.

Little did the founders think when led by the spirit of God, to begin this humble work on Clark Street, eighteen years ago, of the immensity it would assume. It was the first rescue work in Chicago, and from which other missions have been established throughout the entire North-West. As we recall the early days of the Mission and remember all the vicissitudes through which it has passed, we are profoundly grateful to God for the blessings that have attended the work through these many years. Eternity alone will reveal what has been accomplished.

Every Night in the Year.

Meetings are held with an audience of from three hundred to four hundred week day nights, and more than the seating capacity Sunday nights. Song service, short Gospel address, testimonies and inquiry meeting are the order of exercises.

During the summer months, introductory to the meeting, a song service is held at the door, attracting large crowds, many of whom are induced to attend the meeting. The exercises are so diversified, and the audience so varied that no two meetings are alike.

About 200,000 have heard the Gospel including all the meetings, and from 9 to 15 seekers nightly.

To convey what a Gospel meeting is in rescue work, one must HEAR the thrilling testimonials of the redeemed men, to be convinced of the wonderful change wrought in their lives.

Often one comes in, he thinks accidentally, (yet directed by Divine guidance;) perhaps careless and indifferent, but the stirring testimonies awakens memories of better days, and the Spirit of the Lord convicts him of his sins and as a result he is often persuaded to forsake his wayward life and to accept the blessed Savior.

For instance, a few nights ago an intelligent young man, with rare business qualifications came in the Mission, who had formerly been an only support of an aged mother and invalid sister, but through dissipation had forsaken them and drifted so far in sin that he had lost all hope of possibility of a better life, but by faithful counsel and earnest prayers he was brought under the power of conviction so deeply that he could have no peace day or night, until one night prostrating himself (on the floor) on his face before God, it soon resulted in obtaining deliverance and now his testimony is greatly blessed in helping others.

Converts' Meeting.

Every Sunday morning the converts' meeting which for years has been a rallying point for the converts, is

the brightest and best meeting of the week. At this service the richest experiences possible to hear, thrill the hearts of all, and the skeptical and unbelieving would surely be persuaded that the "greater works" that was promised by our blessed Savior is being fulfilled in these latter days.

Echoes from a Converts' Meeting.

"If I live until next Wednesday, at nine o'clock, I shall have been a Christian for five months. When I came here I had been a heavy drinker for twenty years, and the night I asked God to forgive my sins I was under the influence of liquor. But God heard my feeble and almost inaudible cry for mercy, forgave me for all of my sins, which were many, and since then I have been more than conquerer. 'Thanks be to God who giveth the victory'."

(This man had for years led a sporting life, following the races and other games of chance. He is now working at hard manual labor, at \$9. per week, out of which he contributes \$4.65 weekly towards his aged mother's support. Does rescue work in "Darkest Chicago" pay? "

"For twenty-five years I was a hard drinker, losing position after position because of my uncontrollable appetite for liquor. When a boy I had been instructed in the way of the Lord, but I wandered away from my mother's God and became a poor lost sinner, surrounded by shame, misery and want, my lodging house an empty box car. About eighteen months ago I asked God to forgive my sins and remove from me this terrible appetite for whisky, and He heard and answered my prayer. I am now a new creature

in Jesus Christ, and if any of you my brothers, are bound in the same manner that I was, I want to tell you Christ is willing and able to do for you what He has done for me."

(This man is now a sober, industrious workman, a plumber by trade, an almost nightly attendant at the Mission, beloved by all who know him.)

"Praise the Lord, I have been redeemed now for seventeen weeks. My father was a wealthy saloon-keeper, and my home was a luxurious one. On my twenty-first birthday I was given \$20,000., and I lead a carless, sporting life, traveling all over the world. During this period I inherited an additional \$30,000., all of which was spent in the same style of living. Finally the passion for drink became so strong with me as to alarm my friends. I simply could not quit drinking. I was gold-cured at White Plains, N. Y., and afterward Pierce-cured, all to no effect. However, after all other remedies had proven ineffectual, induced by testimonies of redeemed men, I tried the "blood cure" of Jesus Christ, and I have had no desire for liquor since that night. I have found the service of Christ a very happy one, and I advise all of you who do not know Christ as your personal Savior, to get acquainted with him at once."

(This young man is now a good faithful workman, intent upon helping others into the pool in which he was cleansed, and bids fair to become a useful instrument in God's hands in spreading the gospel of our Lord and Savior.)

Right at this point of the meeting a man arose and made the following confession and request.

"I am not saved, but I would like to be. Whisky controls my life, and I want deliverence from it. Pray for me."

"Twenty months a Christian. What a wonderful change in my life: formerly so steeped in whisky and beer that my family was compelled to leave me, after I had had the delirium tremens on three different occasions; now a sober God-fearing man, reunited to my family, and enjoying a good, comfortable home, in which, instead of a beer can, the Bible occupies the most prominent place, and all that I did to obtain this peace and happiness was to ask God to forgive me for Christ's sake, and to trust Him for daily strength to lead a life in accordance with his will."

(Does rescue work pay? Ask this man's wife and three bright children.)

"About the latter part of the Month of May '94 I found myself visiting nightly the Mission. For five nights I heard the testimonies and I knew I ought to give my heart to God, but I knew it was impossible for me to stop drinking, because it kept me alive as I believed, and to stop gambling shut off my only resource for a living, but on the night of the 24th when I went forward and knelt I thought of nothing but "Lord be merciful to me a sinner," and I said from this day I will serve the Lord, then I felt relieved of the load. I left the appetite for drink, the desire or habit of gambling and all those sins right there. From that day until the present time, I have never once wanted a drink nor touched a drop. All those old sinful habits and desires have left me. I feel that God has wrought a miracle in my life, and securely kept me faithful for fifteen months."

(This man is a wonderful trophy of God's grace.)

"Last night I came into the Mission scarcely knowing what I was doing, but having within me the sure determination to go to the lake front and end this miserable existence. I heard that man there tell from what depths God had saved him, and, wretched as I was I asked God to have mercy upon me for Christ's sake, and He did. This morning I awoke without that craving for liquor which only he experiences who has been on a prolonged debauch. Pray for me."

(Does it pay to save a human life?)

(The man, who gave that testimony is more to be envied than the President of the United States, for it was God's means of saving a soul from hell.)

"A poor discouraged man, I asked God to forgive me, save me from my sins, and for nine years I have been enabled by the mighty power of God to lead a Christian life, while plying my vocation as a hack driver. Bless His Holy Name!"

(Can anything demonstrate more forcibly God's keeping power?)

"I want to thank God this morning for His goodness to me. Sin ruined my life, it cost me everything that was dear. Lost my business to gratify the propensity for gambling, would take the clothes off my back and pawn them to indulge this passion, caused my wife to leave me, and finally things looked so black that I took poison to end my life, but God interposed and one Sunday when speaking from the Gospel wagon, the Doctor who attended me came up and shook hands with me and said; "My boy this is

quite a contrast from the time I was called to save your life.”

“Three weeks a Christian by the grace of God : reared in a christian home, had one of the best of mothers God ever gave a boy, I knew what was right but failed to do it. A few years ago I got into bad company began gambling and playing the races, spent my own money, and then took money belonging to others, intending ‘to do the west’, but the western sports ‘did me’, I went out in a PULLMAN and came back in a BOX car. I was attracted to the Mission by the singing, was so facinated by the magnetic power of the meeting that I could not stay away, finally gave my heart to God. I intend to make restitution to those whom I have wronged, have just received a beautiful letter of forgiveness and encouragement from my dear mother, and the future is full of hope.”

“I love to come back to this dear old Mission where I first saw the light, twenty months ago. Little did I think the night I came in here all broken up, a would-be murderer, having tried that afternoon to kill my wife and failing determined to take my own life with poison in my pocket. I heard the cornet, came in and thank God the usher gave me that chair in the front row. A man testifying on the platform exactly told my story, and I believed that if God could save him, he could save me. When the invitation was given I raised my trembling hand and soon found myself on bended knee, crying God to have “mercy on me a sinner.—The Lord reconciled my domestic relations, we have consecrated our ALL to Him and He has called us into His service.

(This man is now superintendent and manager
of a prosperous rescue work in Chicago.)

(The following are testimonies in song.)

Love Divine.

WM. KENNA.

With drooping eyes, the sad outcast
Before her Lord remained;
But not a stone at her was cast
For all by sin were stained.
Since thou art not by man condemned,
Thou shalt not be by me.
“Go, sin no more,” the sinners Friend
Hath freely pardoned thee.

Can such as I, the poor thief cried,
As on the cross he hung,
“Forgiveness find? With Thee abide?
And hear Thy praises sung?”
To-day with me in heaven be,
Forgiving Love replied,
And there, through all eternity,
Thou shalt with me reside.

And thus did I, with falling tear,
Kneel down at Jesus feet;
And there, o’erwhelmed with doubt and fear,
I heard these words so sweet :
I want thy love. Whate’er betide
Thy heart my own should be.
Dear Lord, I will in thee confide.
I give myself to thee.

He Touched Me and Thus Made me Whole.

THOMAS SULLIVAN.

To the feet of my Savior in trembling and fear,
A penitent sinner I came.
He saw and in mercy He bade me draw near,
All glory and praise to His name.

CHORUS:—

He touched me and thus made me whole,
Bringing comfort and rest to my soul.
Oh! glad happy day, all my sins rolled away,
For He touched me and thus made me whole.

I knew not the tender compassion and love,
That Jesus my Savior had shown.
Tho' burd'n'd with grief, His dear hand br'ught re-
He healed me and called me His owe. [lief,
"My grace is sufficient," I heard His dear voice,
Oh, come and find rest for your soul,
From sin you to save, my life freely I gave,
I died that you might be made whole.
Oh! come, my dear brother, He's waiting for you,
Your sin-burdened heart to console.
Your weary head rest on His dear loving breast,
He suffered and died for your soul.

What becomes of the converts? is the question so often asked. The Pacific Garden Mission is only a center from which radiate workers all over the land. We receive communications from Alaska to the South Sea Islands, and from the Pacific, across the waters. Other Missions have been started and not a few have been called to preach the Gospel.

What means this in these latter days, when God is raising up those steeped in the deepest dye of sin, and calling them to go forth to proclaim their deliverance and the power of the Gospel: is he not taking the "weak things to confound the mighty?"

Bible Study.

We mention with pleasure this important branch of the work. Every Sabbath at 3 o'clock a large adult Bible class comes together to search the scriptures.

The eagerness with which they listen to the expounding of the Word, is an evidence of their intense desire to know more of Him who has said: "I am the way the truth and the life."

Jail Work.

"I was in prison and ye visited me." These touching words have always been an inspiration to visit this neglected class. As we come in touch with them and learn the circumstances that has surrounded their lives and often led to their incarceration, our hearts are touched with pity for them, and we see the great need of having the Gospel presented to them.

The question is often asked "does it pay?" As for years we have passed through this great city, and see here and there, those who have heard the Gospel behind prison bars, and are now saved, once criminals; now law abiding citizens, pursuing legitimate business, we can readily say that no space of time spent in christian work, has accomplished more, than time spent with this abandoned class.

Testiments, tracts and religious reading is sought for when perhaps under other circumstances they would not be induced to read. Every description of

humanity, from the once prosperous business man down to the professional crook, are alike consigned within those dismal walls. From 450 to 500 has been estimated to be the average number in the men's department, from 15 to 20 in the women's department, among whom may be found those who have graced better society, down to the professional shoplifter.

It is heartrending sometimes to see the bright beautiful young girls so early beguiled by the tempter's power.

If the old, old story of how they were victimized could be placed in flaming letters as a warning to others how much of sorrow could be prevented.

After years of experience reformation has been made in the boys' department, it not admitting those under 10 years. From 20 to 25 is the average number of boys, from 10 to 15 years of age. Sabbath-school and day-school is held in this department.

Gospel Wagon.

One of the great factors for good connected with the Mission is the Gospel wagon.

Through this instrumentality, thousands who are thronging our thoroughfares, and congregating along the levee district, are attracted by the singing and instrumental music and induced to listen to the thrilling testimonies of men "annointed with the Holy Ghost and with fire," who would never otherwise be brought under the sound of the Gospel.

Permit us to cite just one case. About the first trip our new wagon made, a physician of eminence, was attracted, and so impressed that he attended the meeting that night, gave his heart to God, and the following day related his sad story, how he had been

separated from his family for four years, etc. After diligent search traces of them were found in a distant city, he is now reunited, and a happy home is once more established.

The fund to purchase the new Gospel wagon and the expense of running it has mostly been met by the converts.

Crime Preventing Agency.

When we consider the thousands that are making their living by preying upon the masses, and if it were known what a large number of this class the Mission has reached, the work would commend itself most favorably for what has been accomplished in this direction.

We are greatly indebted to Chief Badenoch for the courtesy he has extended in favoring us with privileges for street services.

Hospital work and visiting the sick and poor are branches of the work to which is given special attention.

Thanks.

We are greatly indebted to the many friends of the Mission for their continued donations, for their hearty sympathy, and words of encouragement.

Contributions have often been given in place of money, we have received donations of paper from the different Paper houses, and reductions in Printing which has been greatly appreciated. Tracks from the American Track Society, amounting to many thousands, about 1000 Testiments from the Bible Society at half price, contribution of the use of piano by Kimball Piano Co., favors from Mr. Leroy Payne for horses for

Gospel wagon and clothing for the poor which we are very thankful for.

We are indebted to various Evangelists and Pastors for their assistance in leading meetings, to brother and sister Elderkin who have rendered us such valuable assistance on Sunday evenings and favored us with their sweet songs, and for a large corps of workers from Mr. Moody's Bible Institute whose services have been greatly blessed, and to whom we extend our sincere thanks.

Too much cannot be said in behalf of our faithful co-laborers ; Bro. Trotter as organist and missionary, Bro. Grandburg, cornetist, and Bro. Wendall as janitor, and all the converts who have rendered most valuable assistance in promoting the interest of the meetings.

Fred Shore, Miss Alice Hawley and Mrs. John J. Clarke have given gratuitous service on the piano.

Thanksgiving is rendered to our Heavenly Father for the blessings that has attended every service, and for continued health enabling us to be present at all the meetings another year.

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...Expenses...

Expenses of the Mission for the 18th year ending September 15th, 1895 have been as follows :

Rent of Mission hall.....	\$2.059,23
Salary of Janitor and all the assistance...	2.057.00
Electric Light and Gas.....	408.00
Printing.....	123.60
Sundry expenses of Mission including fuel.....	350.13
Charity	613.65
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...Prospective...

The outlook for the future of this work, was never more encouraging. The attendance and results each year are constantly increasing and we believe there are still GREATER BLESSINGS in store for us.

May we not have your PRAYERS and AID for its future prosperity.

Mrs. GEO. R. CLARK, Supt.

Mr. HARRY MONROE, Asst. Supt.

The Pacific Garden Mission is a corporation regularly organized under the laws of Illinois, and can receive and hold property by will and otherwise.

FORM OF BEQUEST TO BE USED IN A WILL.

I give to the Pacific Garden Mission.....Dollars.

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